



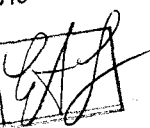
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RE: SunZia Transmission, LLC  
L-00000YY-15-0318-00171, LS Case No. 171  
First Prefiling Conference taken on 08-26-15; and  
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DATE: September 8, 2015

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BEFORE THE  
ARIZONA POWER PLANT AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING  
COMMITTEE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF SUNZIA TRANSMISSION LLC, IN )  
CONFORMANCE WITH THE )  
REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA )  
REVISED STATUTES 40-360, ET SEQ., )  
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF )  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY )  
AUTHORIZING THE SUNZIA )  
SOUTHWEST TRANSMISSION )  
PROJECT, WHICH INCLUDES THE )  
CONSTRUCTION OF TWO NEW 500 KV )  
TRANSMISSION LINES AND )  
ASSOCIATED FACILITIES )  
ORIGINATING AT A NEW SUBSTATION )  
(SUNZIA EAST) IN LINCOLN COUNTY, )  
NEW MEXICO, AND TERMINATING AT )  
THE PINAL CENTRAL SUBSTATION IN )  
PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA. THE )  
ARIZONA PORTION OF THE PROJECT )  
IS LOCATED WITHIN GRAHAM, )  
GREENLEE, COCHISE, PINAL, AND )  
PIMA COUNTIES.

DOCKET NO. L-00000\_-15-00\_\_

Case No. \_\_\_\_

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD before the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee ("Committee") regarding the application of SunZia Transmission, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility ("Certificate") authorizing the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project (the "Project") in Arizona. The Arizona portion of the Project consists of two new 500 kilovolt (kV) transmission lines and associated facilities originating in Greenlee County at the New Mexico state line and terminating at the existing Pinal Central Substation in Pinal County, Arizona.

1           The hearing will commence at the Willcox Community Center, 312 W. Stewart  
2 St., Willcox, AZ 85463 on October 19, 2015, at 1:00 p.m., and will continue on October  
3 20, 2015, through October 23, 2015, as necessary, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on each day,  
4 unless a tour is taken. If a tour is taken, it will begin on October 21, 2015, at 8:00 a.m. or  
5 an alternative date and time set by the Chairman of the Committee. Additional hearing  
6 days, **as determined necessary by the Committee**, will be held November 2, 2015,  
7 through November 5, 2015, at the Holiday Inn Casa Grande, 777 N, Pinal Ave., Casa  
8 Grande, AZ 85122, and November 16, 2015 through November 20, 2015, at the Holiday  
9 Inn Florence, 240 West Highway 287, Florence, Arizona 85132. If the Committee  
10 determines the hearing dates in Florence are necessary, or if any other revisions to the  
11 hearing schedule are necessary, it will be noticed on the Project website at:  
12 <http://sunzia.net/>, and on the Arizona Corporation Commission ("ACC") website at:  
13 [http://azcc.gov/AZ\\_Power\\_Plant/linesiting-calendar.asp](http://azcc.gov/AZ_Power_Plant/linesiting-calendar.asp).  
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15           **PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN IN A SPECIAL EVENING**  
16 **SESSION ON OCTOBER 19, 2015, BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M., AT THE**  
17 **WILLCOX COMMUNITY CENTER, AND ALSO ON NOVEMBER 2, 2015, AT**  
18 **6:00 P.M. AT THE HOLIDAY INN CASA GRANDE. PUBLIC COMMENT MAY**  
19 **ALSO BE TAKEN AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH HEARING DAY, OR AT**  
20 **OTHER TIMES DURING THE HEARING, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE**  
21 **CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE.**  
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23           The Chairman of the Committee may, at his discretion, recess the hearing to a time  
24 and place to be announced during the hearing, or to be determined after the recess. The  
25 date, time, and place at which the hearing will be resumed will be posted on the above-  
26 noted Project website and the ACC website. **NOTE: NOTICE OF ANY SUCH**  
27 **RESUMED HEARING WILL BE GIVEN; HOWEVER, PUBLISHED NOTICE**  
28 **OF SUCH A RESUMED HEARING IS NOT REQUIRED.**

          The Committee may conduct a tour of the Project area. The map and itinerary of  
any such tour will be available at the hearing and posted on the Project website. Members



1 of the public may follow the Committee on the tour. During the tour, the Committee may  
2 hear testimony at stops on the tour concerning where the stops are located, what is visible  
3 at the stops, and the relevance of the location and view to the Application and Project. No  
4 other discussion or deliberation concerning the Application will occur during the tour. A  
5 court reporter or recording device will record any testimony taken on the tour for  
6 transcription.  
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8 Maps and detailed information about the Project are contained in the Application,  
9 which is available for inspection at the following locations:

- 10 • ACC Docket Control Center, Phoenix Office, 1200 West Washington  
11 Street, Suite 108, Phoenix, AZ 85007
- 12 • ACC Tucson Office, 400 West Congress Street #221, Tucson, AZ 85701
- 13 • Casa Grande Public Library, 449 North Drylake Street, Casa Grande, AZ  
14 85122
- 15 • Elsie S. Hogan Community Library, 100 North Curtis Avenue, Willcox,  
16 AZ, 85643
- 17 • Benson Public Library, 300 South Huachuca Street, Benson, AZ 85602
- 18 • The Project website: <http://sunzia.net/>  
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20 Each county, municipal government, and state agency interested in the Project that  
21 desires to be a party to the proceedings shall, not less than ten days before October 19,  
22 2015, file a Notice of Intent to Become a Party with the Director of Utilities, ACC, 1200  
23 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

24 Any domestic non-profit corporation or association formed in whole or in part to  
25 promote conservation or natural beauty; to protect the environment, personal health or  
26 other biological values; to preserve historical sites; to promote consumer interests; to  
27 represent commercial and industrial groups; or to promote the orderly development of the  
28 area in which the Project is located desiring to become a part to the proceedings shall, not  
less than ten days before October 19, 2015, file a Notice of Intent to Become a Party with  
the Director of Utilities, ACC, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

The Committee or the Chairman, at any time deemed appropriate, may make other persons parties to the proceedings. Any person may make a limited appearance at a hearing by filing a statement in writing with the Director of Utilities, ACC, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007, not less than five days before October 19, 2015. A person making a limited appearance will not be a party or have the right to present testimony or cross-examine witnesses.

This proceeding is governed by Arizona Revised Statutes Sections 40-360 to 40-360.13 and Arizona Administrative Code Rules R14-3-201 to R14-3-220. No substantive communication not in the public record may be made to any member of the Committee. The written decision of the Committee will be submitted to the ACC pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.07. Any person intending to be a party to the proceedings on the matter before the ACC must be a party to the proceedings before the Committee.

ORDERED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

Thomas K. Chenal, CHARIMAN  
ARIZONA POWER PLANT AND  
TRANSMISSION LINE SITING  
COMMITTEE  
Office of the Arizona Attorney General

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING



## SunZia Southwest Transmission Project

**Proposed 500 kV transmission lines and associated facilities originating at a new substation (SunZia East) in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and terminating at the Pinal Central Substation in Pinal County, Arizona.**

Arizona Corporation Commission Docket No.

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The public is invited to participate at a public hearing before the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee

Commencing at 1:00 pm on **October 19, 2015**,  
at the Willcox Community Center, 312 W. Stewart St., Willcox, AZ 85643

and continuing as determined necessary by the Committee:  
**October 20, 2015, through October 23, 2015**, at the Willcox Community Center  
**November 2, 2015, through November 5, 2016**, at the Holiday Inn Casa Grande  
777 N. Pinal Ave. Casa Grande, AZ 85122  
**November 16, through November 20, 2016**, at the Florence Holiday Inn Express  
and Suites, 240 W. Highway 287, Florence, AZ 85132

**PUBLIC COMMENT MAY BE TAKEN AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH HEARING DAY OR AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE HEARING AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE.**

Revisions to the hearing schedule and additional hearing days, if necessary, will be noticed on the Arizona Corporation Commission website. The ACC website is:  
[www.azcc.gov/AZ\\_Power\\_Plant/LineSiting-Calendar.asp](http://www.azcc.gov/AZ_Power_Plant/LineSiting-Calendar.asp)

Contact Information:

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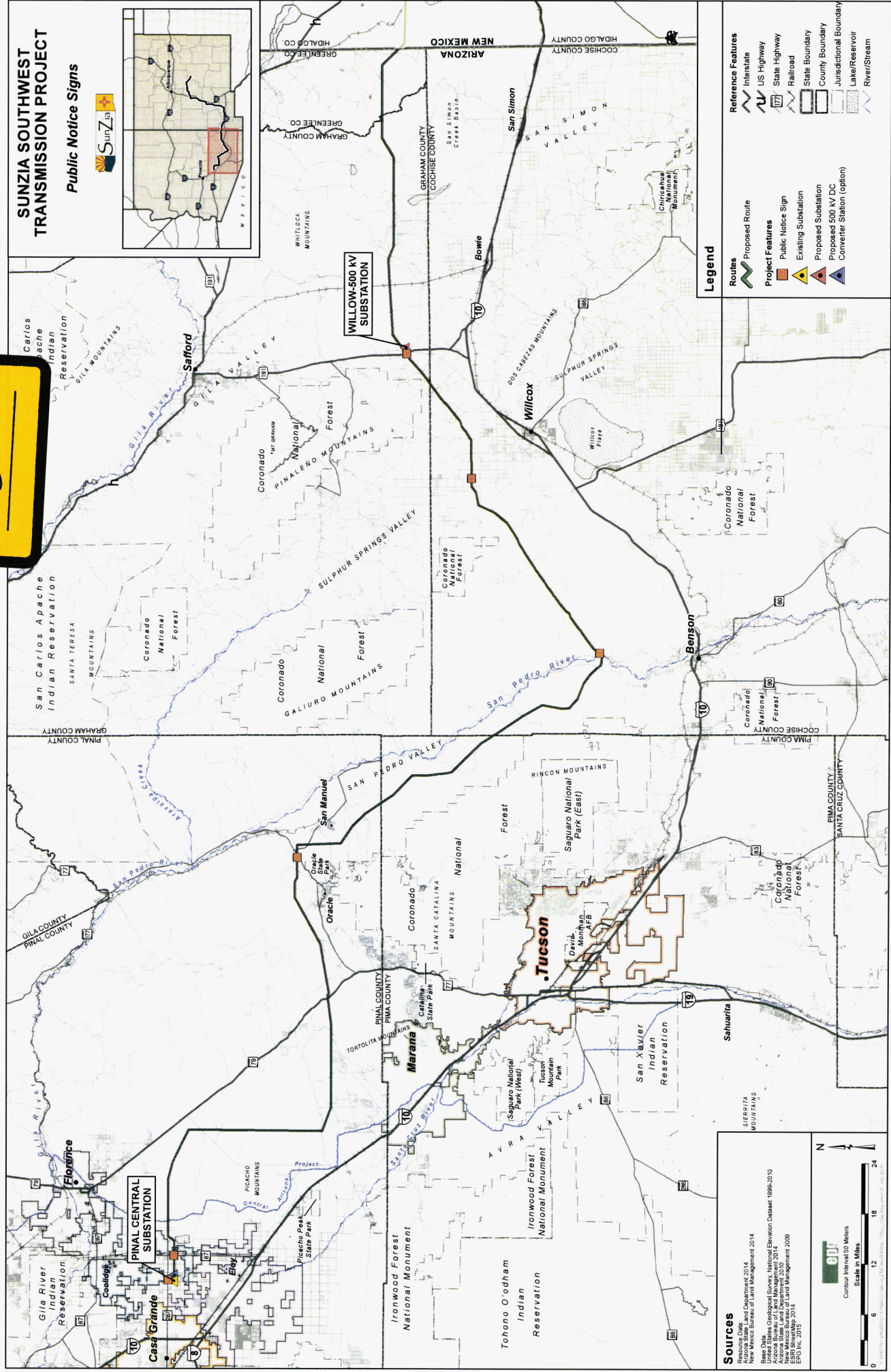
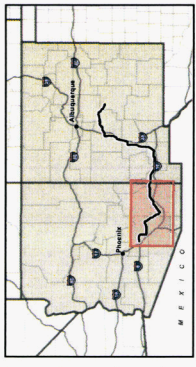
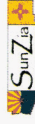
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Project Website: [www.sunzia.net](http://www.sunzia.net)

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**SUNZIA SOUTHWEST  
TRANSMISSION PROJECT**

## Public Notice Signs



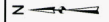
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**SUNZIA SOUTHWEST TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT TOUR  
POINTS OF INTEREST**



Proposed Route			
Point of Interest	Description	Condition	Existing Utility Corridor
<b>Willcox Area Tour</b>			
<b>Start</b>	<b>Willcox Community Center 312 W. Stewart St. Willcox, AZ 85643</b>		
W-1	Proposed Willow-500 kV Substation (Graham County) Lat: 32°28'39.72"N Long: 109°39'12.19"W	1.1 miles east of US 191. 8 miles north of Interstate 10.	Parallel to 2 existing TEP 345 kV transmission lines.
W-2	Bonita Area/Fort Grant Rd. (Cochise County) Lat: 32°21'20.61"N Long: 109°55'37.53"W	Fort Grant Rd. intersection with TEP 345 kV transmission Lines.  Approximately 9 miles north of City of Willcox via Fort Grant Rd.  Agricultural land.	Parallel to 2 existing TEP 345 kV transmission lines.
W-3	San Pedro River Crossing/N. Cascabel Rd. (Cochise County) Lat: 32°8'2.04"N Long: 110°17'11.27"W	N. Cascabel Rd. intersection with TEP 345 kV transmission Lines.  Approximately 12 miles north of Benson via N. Cascabel Rd.  Riparian vegetation	Parallel to 2 existing TEP 345 kV transmission lines.
W-4	Winchester Substation (Cochise County) Lat: 32°11'24.57"N Long: 110°12'18.48"W	Approximately 5 miles east of N. Cascabel Rd. Via (Cascabel Rd) 3-Links Rd.	Parallel to 2 existing TEP 345 kV transmission lines.
W-5	Cascabel Community Center (Cochise County) Lat: 32°17'28.48"N Long: 110°22'48.53"W	Approximately 12 miles north of Proposed Route crossing.  East side of San Pedro River	
<b>190 Total Miles*</b> <b>5-6.5 Hours* (driving time without stops)</b> <b>*Approximate</b>			
<b>Casa Grande – Oracle Tour</b>			
<b>Start</b>	<b>Holiday Inn 777 N. Pinal Ave. Casa Grande, AZ 85122</b>		
CG-1	Pinal Central Substation (Pinal County) Lat: 32°52'8.45"N Long: 111°33'10.33"W	In the City of Coolidge, approximately 8 miles south of the town center.  Approximately 0.75 miles south of SR 287, and 2 miles	Northside of and Parallel to TEP 500 kV transmission line.  South of SRP 500 kV transmission line

<b>Proposed Route</b>			
<b>Point of Interest</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Condition</b>	<b>Existing Utility Corridor</b>
		west of SR 87. Agricultural	
CG-2	Central Arizona Project Canal (CAP) crossing (Pinal County) Lat: 32°52'47.37"N Long: 111°26'39.20"W	Approximately 7 miles east of Pinal Central Substation	CAP Canal crossing Northside of and Parallel to TEP 500 kV transmission line.
CG-3	Park Link Rd./Tortolita-Pinal Central Transmission Line (Pinal County) Lat: 32°36'59.28"N Long: 110°15'28.90"W	Intersection of Park Link Rd and the new TEP 500 kV transmission line. Approximately 5 miles east of I-10.  2 miles north east of the Tortolita/Saguaro Substation.  Undeveloped state land on the west side and undeveloped BLM land on the east side of the Proposed route.	Eastside of and Parallel to TEP 500 kV transmission line.
CG-4	Highway 79 intersection (Pinal County) Lat: 32°36'20.46"N Long: 110°59'6.24"W	Proposed route intersects with SR 79. Approximately 5 miles northwest of Oracle Junction.  Approximately 0.3 miles north of Oracle Junction Substation.  Pinal Pioneer Highway-Scenic	Parallel to and south of APS 500 kV and 115 kV transmission lines.
CG-5	Saddlebrooke Ranch (Pinal County) Lat: 32°35'26.45"N Long: 110°55'15.47"W	View from residential subdivision located approximately 1 mile to the south.	Parallel to and north of APS 115 kV transmission line.
CG-6	Arizona National Trail – Trailhead (Pinal County) Lat: 32°39'2.38"N Long: 110°43'52.00"W	Approximately 1.5 miles north of SR 77. View from trailhead.  1-mile north of Oracle State Park.  2-miles north of Oracle residences.	
<b>173 Total Miles*</b> <b>4.5-6 Hours* (driving time without stops)</b> <b>*Approximate</b>			

**SUNZIA SOUTHWEST 500KV  
TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT  
SITING COMMITTEE ROUTE TOUR ITINERARY**



The following itinerary describes the SunZia Proposed Route for the Project study area. The siting committee route tour will consist of two separate tours (1) Willcox Area tour and (2) Casa Grande-Oracle Area Tour. A pilot car provided by xxx will lead the route tour. NAME (xxx) and NAME (xxx) will drive the pilot car and will be available to answer questions at the appointed stops. The attached route tour map shows the path and points of interest along the proposed that will be reviewed.

Willcox Area Tour will begin at the Willcox Community Center located x miles (e/w) of the intersection of xxx street and xx street in Willcox, Arizona.

**Start of Tour: 8:00 a.m.**

**Willcox Community Center**

**312 W. Stewart St. Willcox, AZ 85643**

POINT OF INTEREST #W-1 (32°28'39.72"N 109°39'12.19"W) time  
Proposed Willow 500 kV Substation, 1.1 miles east of SR 191

Description

POINT OF INTEREST #W-2 (32°21'20.61"N 109°55'37.53"W) time  
Location

Description

POINT OF INTEREST #W-3 (32°8'2.04"N 110°17'11.27"W) time  
Location

Description

POINT OF INTEREST #W-4 (32°11'24.57"N 110°12'18.48"W) time  
Location

Description

The Casa Grande-Oracle Area Tour will begin at the Holiday Inn located x miles (e/w) of the intersection of xxx street and xx street in Casa Grande, Arizona.

**Start of Tour: 8:00 a.m.**

**Holiday Inn Casa Grande**

**777 N. Pinal Ave. Casa Grande, AZ 85122**

POINT OF INTEREST #CS-1 (32°52'8.45"N 111°33'10.33"W) time  
Location

Description

POINT OF INTEREST #CS-2 (32°52'47.37"N 111°26'39.20"W) time

Location

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POINT OF INTEREST #CS-3 (32°36'59.28"N 110°15'28.90"W) time

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POINT OF INTEREST #CS-5 (32°35'26.45"N 110°55'15.47"W) time

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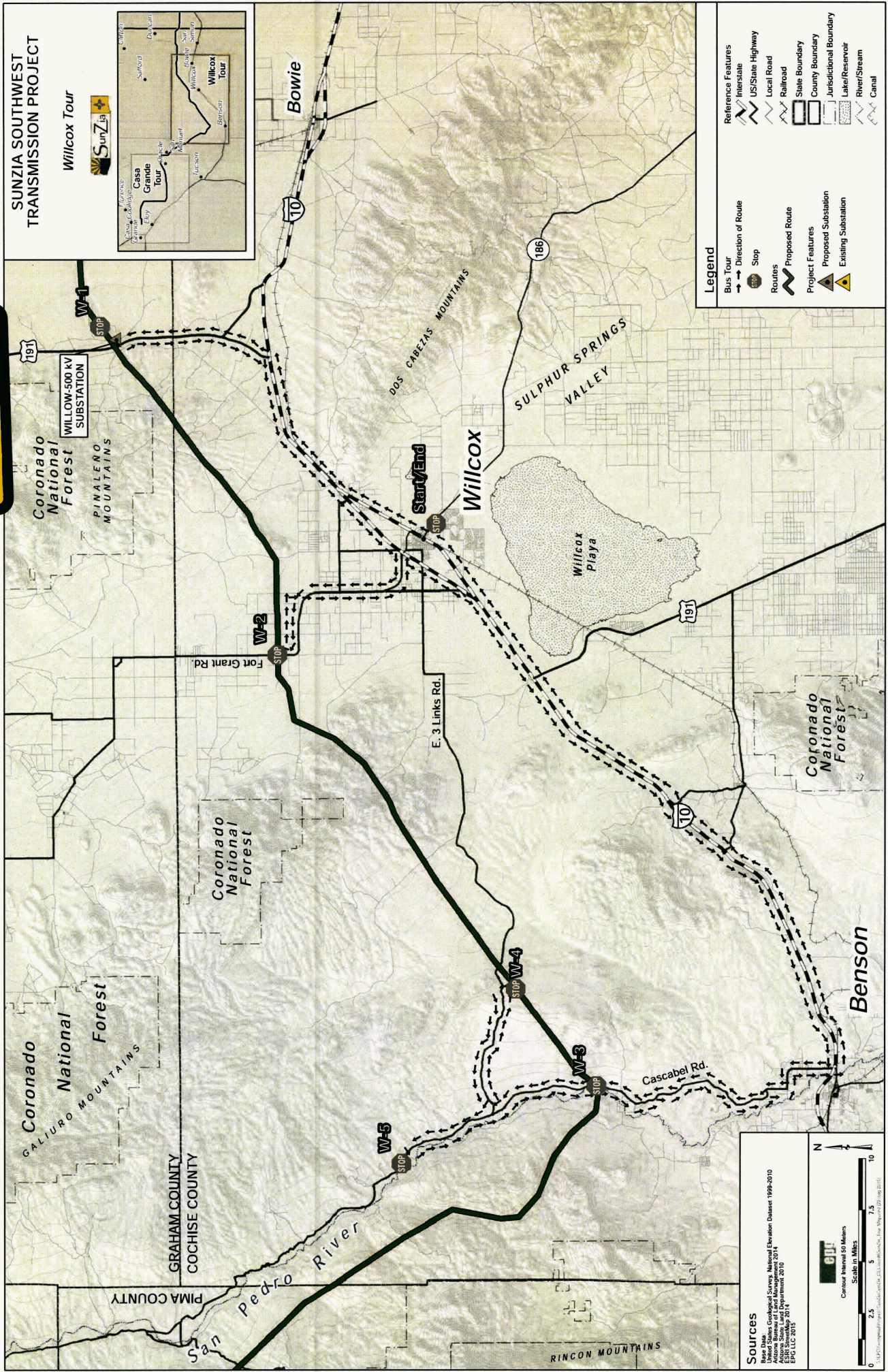
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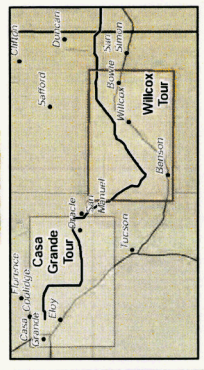


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SUNZIA SOUTHWEST TRANSMISSION PROJECT

Willcox Tour

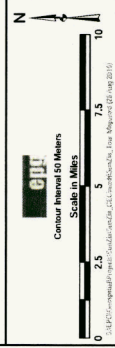


Legend

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Reference Features</b> | <b>Project Features</b> |
| Interstate                | Bus Tour                |
| US/State Highway          | Direction of Route      |
| Local Road                | Stop                    |
| Railroad                  | Routes                  |
| State Boundary            | Proposed Route          |
| County Boundary           | Proposed Substation     |
| Jurisdictional Boundary   | Existing Substation     |
| Lake/Reservoir            |                         |
| River/Stream              |                         |
| Canal                     |                         |

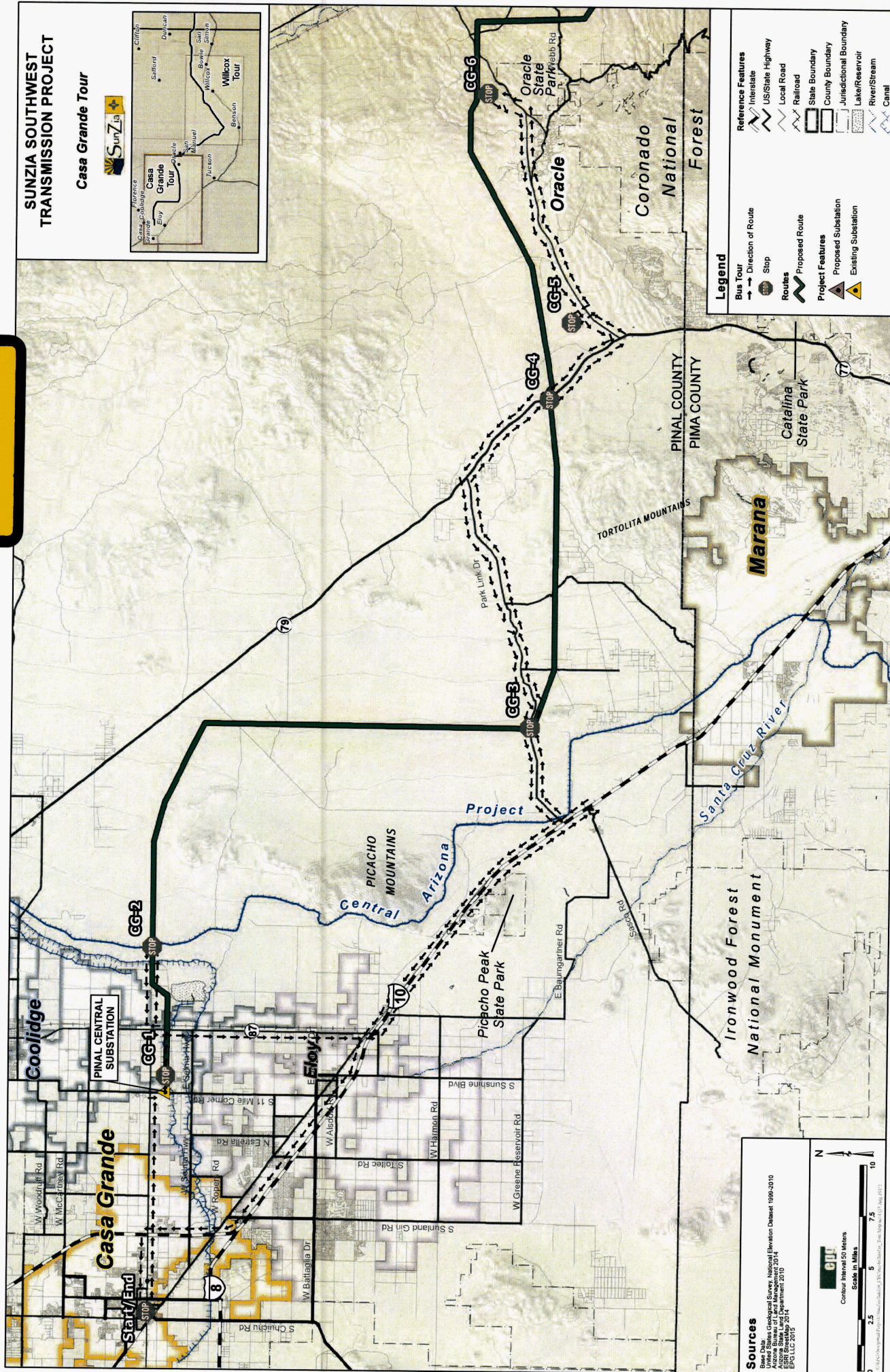
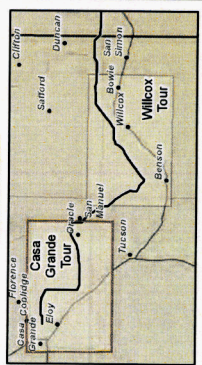
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## Casa Grande Tour



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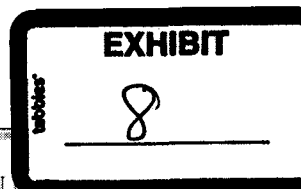
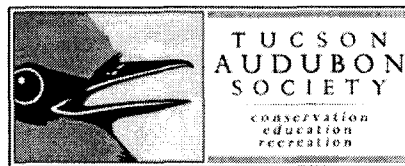
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Source: *Florida's 2000 Census of Agriculture*, Table A-10.

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Subject: Change of Venue for SunZia Line Siting Hearings and Start Date

Dear Mr. Chenal:

I (Mick Meader) attended the prefilings meeting for SunZia's application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility on August 26, 2015, with representatives from the Grand Canyon Chapter of the Sierra Club and Defenders of Wildlife, and after conferring with them and others, we are greatly concerned by the locations given for the hearing and the early start date. Most of the parties concerned about the project are located in the lower San Pedro Valley or Tucson, and the locations tentatively chosen for the hearing will make intervening very difficult for them. This includes a wide range of groups and individuals, listed below.

We are therefore calling for the primary hearing to be moved to the Arizona Corporation Commission offices in Tucson. A dedicated hearing room is available for our use. We support holding part of the hearing in Casa Grande. To ensure public input at Willcox and Florence, a necessary addition to the review venue, public commentary can be taken there to fulfill the statutory requirements.

The hearing dates should begin at least two weeks later than the current schedule to give intervenors and other interested parties adequate time to prepare for cross-examination of the applicant's experts.

#### **Review of Potential Intervening Parties**

Lower San Pedro Valley groups include two landowner organizations and two state Natural Resource Conservation District (NRCD). These are:

Cascabel Working Group – Mick Meader and Pearl Mast, Chairpersons  
Friends of the Aravaipa Region – Peter Else, Chairperson  
Redington Natural Resource Conservation District – Andrew Smallhouse, Chairperson  
Winkelman Natural Resource Conservation District – Bill Dunn, Chairperson

Eleven of the environmental and conservation groups concerned about the project have their main offices in Tucson, noted below. These organizations include the Defenders of Wildlife, Center for Biological Diversity, and Tucson Audubon Society, which are most interested in intervening. Sierra Club's state office is in Phoenix. Groups that may be expected to intervene or, at the very least, provide public comment include:

Archaeology Southwest – Andy Laurenzi, Southwest Field Representative  
Arizona Wilderness Coalition – Barbara Hawke, Executive Director  
Center for Biological Diversity – Randy Serraglio, Southwest Conservation Advocate  
Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection – Carolyn Campbell, Executive Director  
Defenders of Wildlife – Eva Sargent, Southwest Program Director, and Rob Peters, Senior Representative  
National Parks Conservation Association – Kevin Dahl, Arizona Program Manager  
Sky Island Alliance – Jan Holder, Executive Director, and Louise Misztal, Conservation Director  
Sierra Club, Grand Canyon Chapter – Sandy Bahr, Executive Director (Phoenix) and Elna Otter, Chapter Chair  
The Nature Conservancy – Dale Turner, Conservation Planner  
The Sonoran Institute – John Shepard, Senior Director of Programs  
The Wilderness Society – Mike Quigley, Arizona State Director  
Tucson Audubon Society – Chris McVie, Conservation Chair, and Matt Clark, Conservation Policy Analyst

All of these groups have responded to the SunZia proposal and have provided recorded comments during the federal environmental review process.

### **Why Tucson?**

Many of the most intrusive and undesirable environmental impacts of the SunZia project occur on conservation lands within Pima County. The project would cross three ranches that the county owns. These are in northeast Pima County in an area well known for its Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan, including nearly 70,000 acres of both deeded land and associated Arizona State Land Department grazing leases. The county also has acquired the majority of deeded land in Buehman Canyon, which hosts the only perennial stream on the eastern flank of the Santa Catalina Mountains. Pima County may choose to not intervene, but having Tucson as a primary hearing site makes intervening and participation by the county much easier. It also greatly helps with the presentation of the other important environmental groups with offices in Tucson.

We defer to Pinal County's preference to hold part of the hearing in Casa Grande, and we understand the need to obtain public commentary in Willcox. Conducting part of the hearing in Florence makes little sense given its close proximity to Casa Grande and the enormous need for representation in Pima County and the Tucson area.

### **Start Date of Hearings**

A hearing starting on October 19 leaves insufficient time to properly review the application, develop relevant testimony, do the necessary discovery, construct a positive and logical case, and

arrange for the necessary witnesses, some of whom may not be local. SunZia is a very large and complicated project. Preparing a proper cross examination for the first set of hearings under this current scenario would be especially difficult. We also need sufficient time to resolve any discovery disputes that may arise. Please remember that many of us are ordinary citizens living in the affected area and must find the additional time to address this project. We understand the 60-day time limit on beginning the hearing following publication of the hearing notice. Given that SunZia intends to submit their application on September 2, 2015, we request that the hearing begin on Monday, November 2, or Monday, November 9, depending on the date of publication of the hearing notice. Public Comment sessions could be held the following week near the specific locations with the most impact, such as Willcox or Florence.

### **Recommendations**

Given the high concentration of stated concerns of parties in Tucson and on the lower San Pedro Valley and the potential impact on Pima County lands, the Committee should hold a major portion of the hearing in Tucson to honor the intent of Line Siting statutes to ensure adequate public representation. A hearing here would also be combined with separate comment sessions in other important locations to accommodate concerned parties outside Tucson. Given that the hearing room in the State Office Building in Tucson is equipped to receive outside calls, a hearing there could also be accompanied by publishing comment periods for calls. The hearing room uses live-streaming video with ACC website archiving, making the proceedings directly available to those who cannot attend in person.

An important remaining issue to address would be tours. Either of the proposed tours will require at least a full day's time from wherever they are initiated. Beginning these from Tucson would slightly increase the tour length, but each tour should still be manageable in one day. Holding just the public comments sessions in Willcox and Florence would reduce SunZia's logistic requirements, such as size of venue and hotel arrangements, greatly simplify the proceedings, and increase intervenor and public participation.

Of the lower San Pedro Valley groups, the Cascabel Working Group and the Friends of the Aravaipa Region strongly prefer a centralized Tucson location for the hearing. The Winkelman and Redington NRCs also strongly agree with this change. In addition, we have contacted the Arizona Game and Fish Department and Pinal County, who attended the prefiling meeting. AZGFD has no preference for hearing locations, while Pinal County would prefer to retain part of the hearing in Casa Grande, which we defer to. A Tucson location is acceptable to Pinal County for the remainder of the hearing. An early November start date is acceptable to all parties.

### **Concluding Remarks**

Our requested recommendations make this process much stronger and more fully participatory. These recommendations would also reduce financial and logistical hardships for the majority of private and governmental parties. We emphasize that this proceeding will not merely recap environmental impacts and routing. This hearing is important for the many issues it addresses that the Bureau of Land Management's Environmental Impact Statement did not. Excluding

Tucson as a key hearing location would greatly reduce participation. Increasing the time before the hearing would also allow intervenors to present issues in more complete detail. Intervenors and the general public are already at a great disadvantage with respect to the Applicant, who has had two years to prepare with full-time attorneys and professional lobbyists. Our recommendations would clearly ensure a most robust process and greater engagement of the public, given the statutory constraints we must all work under.


For your convenience, we are including a short-list of Tucson hotels to consider for housing the Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee members and other potentially involved parties. All of the hotels are located adjacent to I-10 near downtown Tucson close to Commission offices.

Thank you for considering our concerns and additional requirements.

Sincerely,



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**Tucson Hotels on I-10 near downtown**

Ramada Limited Tucson West  
665 North Freeway Road  
I-10 @ Speedway Exit 257  
Tucson, AZ 85705  
(520) 622-6491

Hotel Tucson City Center  
InnSuites Conference Suite Resort  
475 North Granada Avenue  
Tucson, AZ 85701  
(520) 622-3000

Arizona Riverpark Inn  
350 South Freeway  
Tucson, AZ 85745  
(520) 239-2300  
<http://theriverparkinn.com>

**PROPOSED ROUTE VICINITY ESTIMATE TABLES**

<b>DISTANCES BETWEEN KEY POINTS AND WILLCOX OR TUCSON</b>		
<b>Area of Proposed Route</b>	<b>Distance from Willcox</b>	<b>Distance from Tucson</b>
<b>Eastern end of Proposed Route in Arizona (Greenlee County)</b>	48 miles	112 miles
<b>Proposed Willow 500-kV Substation (Graham County)</b>	18 miles	77 miles
<b>San Pedro River Crossing (Cochise County)</b>	28 miles	37 miles

<b>DISTANCES TO POTENTIAL HEARING LOCATIONS</b>	
<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Closest Distance to the Proposed Route</b>
Casa Grande	12 miles
Florence	10 miles
Tucson	31 miles
Willcox	7 miles

<b>JURISDICTION</b>							
	<b>Greenlee County</b>	<b>Graham County</b>	<b>Cochise County</b>	<b>Pima County</b>	<b>Pinal County</b>	<b>City of Coolidge<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Miles<sup>1</sup></b>	9.6	33.1	57.8	16.2	81.8	<0.1	198.5
<b>Percent</b>	4.8	16.7	29.1	8.2	41.2	<0.1	100
	1. Based on approximate location of the proposed transmission line corridor centerline 2. Pinal Central Substation is located in the recently annexed portion of City of Coolidge						